

## REMARKS

Claims 13 to 18 are pending and in condition for allowance except for several formal matter objections. Claim 14 line 2 “an electromagnetic interference (EMI) generating” is recommended to be changed to –a discharging--. Claims 15-18 line 2, “EMI generating” is recommended changed to –discharging--. In the Specification page 5, line 10 “reduced” is recommended changed to –increased--. In the Abstract, line 4 “reduced” is recommended changed to –increased--.

### **Remarks regarding Amended Claims:**

Claims 13 to 18 are pending and in condition for allowance except for several formal matter objections. Claim 14 line 2 “an electromagnetic interference (EMI) generating” is recommended to be changed to –a discharging--. Claims 15-18 line 2, “EMI generating” is recommended changed to –discharging--. The recommended amendments have been made to Claims 14 to 18 as follows:

*14. (currently amended) The HGA of Claim 13, further comprising:*

*~~an electromagnetic interference (EMI) generating~~ a discharging circuit (60)  
for generating a current flow through the pair of dabs (56) of conductive epoxy to  
break down the dielectric resistance of the conductive epoxy, wherein electrostatic  
charge on the read-write head (20) and head slider (21) will thereafter be dissipated  
to prolong their service lives.*

15. (currently amended) The HGA of Claim 14, further comprising:

*means for the ~~EMI-generating~~ discharging circuit (60) to produce 1-5 milliamps of current through the pair of dabs (56) of conductive epoxy.*

16. (currently amended) The HGA of Claim 14, further comprising:

*means for the ~~EMI-generating~~ discharging circuit (60) to be electromagnetically coupled to the read-write head (20).*

17. (currently amended) The HGA of Claim 14, further comprising:

*means for the ~~EMI-generating~~ discharging circuit (60) to be switched on that will then dissipate an electrostatic voltage charge on the read-write head (20).*

18. (currently amended) The HGA of Claim 14, further comprising:

*means for switching on the ~~EMI-generating~~ discharging circuit (60) during manufacture of the HGA that will then dissipate an electrostatic voltage charge on the read-write head (20).*

Consequently, the Claims are in condition for allowance and the Examiner's recommended amendments have been made.

**Remarks regarding Amendment of Specification:**

In the Specification page 5, line 10 “reduced” is recommended changed to –increased--. The paragraph beginning on line 7 of page 5 has been amended as follows:

*The invention includes an improved interconnect for a flexure arm of a hard disk drive. the invention provides an interconnect that may reduce a head and head slider’s exposure to severe electrostatic discharge (ESD) events and may dissipate electrostatic voltage charges on the head. The invention may provide ~~a reduced~~ an increased signal to noise ratio during data read/write operations. The invention may also minimize variations of the flying height of the head slider over the surface of a rotating disk.*

**Remarks regarding Amendment of Abstract:**

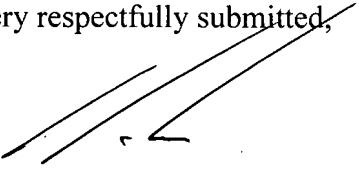
In the Abstract, line 4 “reduced” is recommended changed to –increased--. This amendment has not been made, in that the Applicant could not find the word in the Abstract as found on PAIR. The Applicant requests clarification regarding this recommendation.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the pending application, with pending Claims 13-18, is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite matters, the Examiner is invited to contact either Earle Jennings or Gregory Smith at the phone number listed below.

Very respectfully submitted,

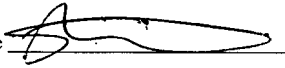
  
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